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to Comrade L I BREZHNEV

I am reporting

On 30 March of this year in the area of Hanoi an American F-111A aircraft was shot down by an anti-aircraft rocket system SA-75M ("Dvina")

After receiving information as to possible use of F-111 type aircraft by the Americans over DRV territory, we took the following measures

- in the DRV work was begun and is in progress toward completing the systems for combat use against targets flying at speeds up to 3700 kilometers per hour

- rules of engagement against aircraft of this type, as well as recommendations on early warning issues regarding the F-111 and fire control by ZRV [Anti-Air Rocket Troops] have been worked out and delivered to Soviet specialists in the DRV and to the VNA command

On 30 March of this year combat work was conducted on the F-111A aircraft in accordance with the recommendations issued to the VNA command

During a raid on Hanoi, two F-111A aircraft took part in the strike group [The F-111A's] operated at average altitudes (6000-5000 meters) at subsonic speed (250 meters per second) under heavy cover of F-105 and F-4S aircraft with radio interference provided by RB-66 aircraft

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Upon entering the ZRV zone, the F-111A aircraft accelerated and moved ahead Moreover, active noise interference by radio-technical means sharply increased

Two rockets were fired at the aircraft The rockets met with the target at a distance of 24 kilometers The sharp decrease in intensity of interference serves as an indicator of the aircraft's destruction

The VNA command confirmed the destruction of one F-111A and reported that the aircraft crashed outside of DRV territory Presently, a search is being conducted

A determinative conclusion as to the effectiveness of fire may be made after a study of the aircraft remains However, it can be assumed, that the VNA command will not grant Soviet specialists access to the downed aircraft's remains

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